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REMARKS

Applicants have submitted this Request for Continued Examination so that the Examiner may consider the alternate claims as now specified herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicants presently claimed invention.

Applicants have modified independent claims 1 and 3 to further require that: the electro-magnetic wave absorber is physically located between a speaker of the portable telephone and the conductive case, the conductive member being located closest to the speaker. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references cited by the Examiner provided no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding this advance in the art. Applicants respectfully submit that the specific location of the electromagnetic wave absorber as specified in the instant application and now in each of the independent claims provides the most desirable location for reducing undesired electromagnetic radiation impinging upon the user of a portable telephone or communication apparatus.

The location of the structure between the speaker and a conductive case as illustrated in, for example, Figures 3 provides significant advantages over the arrangements of the prior art. Indeed the prior art does not provide the shielding capability for a user of the device such as the device now specified in the independent claims wherein the electromagnetic wave absorber is physically located between the conductive case containing the electronic processing devices and the speaker which outputs an analog audio output. None of the references of record provide any indication whatsoever that the wave absorber should be physically located between the speaker and conductive case as now specified. Accordingly,

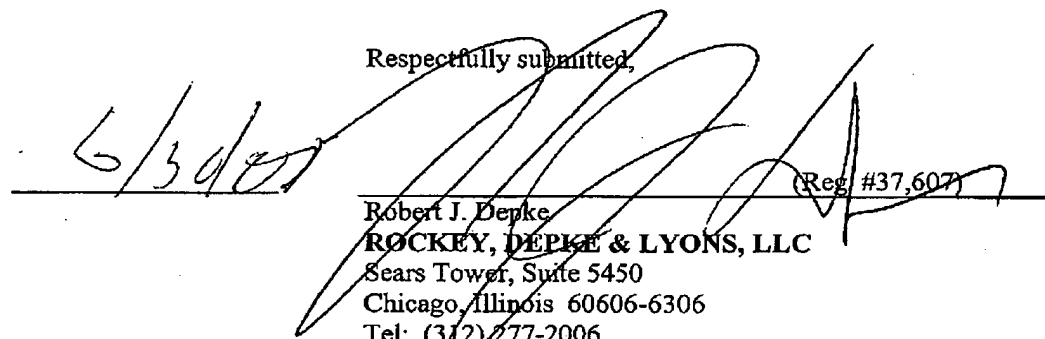
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in light of the foregoing, Applicants to submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

In the event that it is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitted,

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